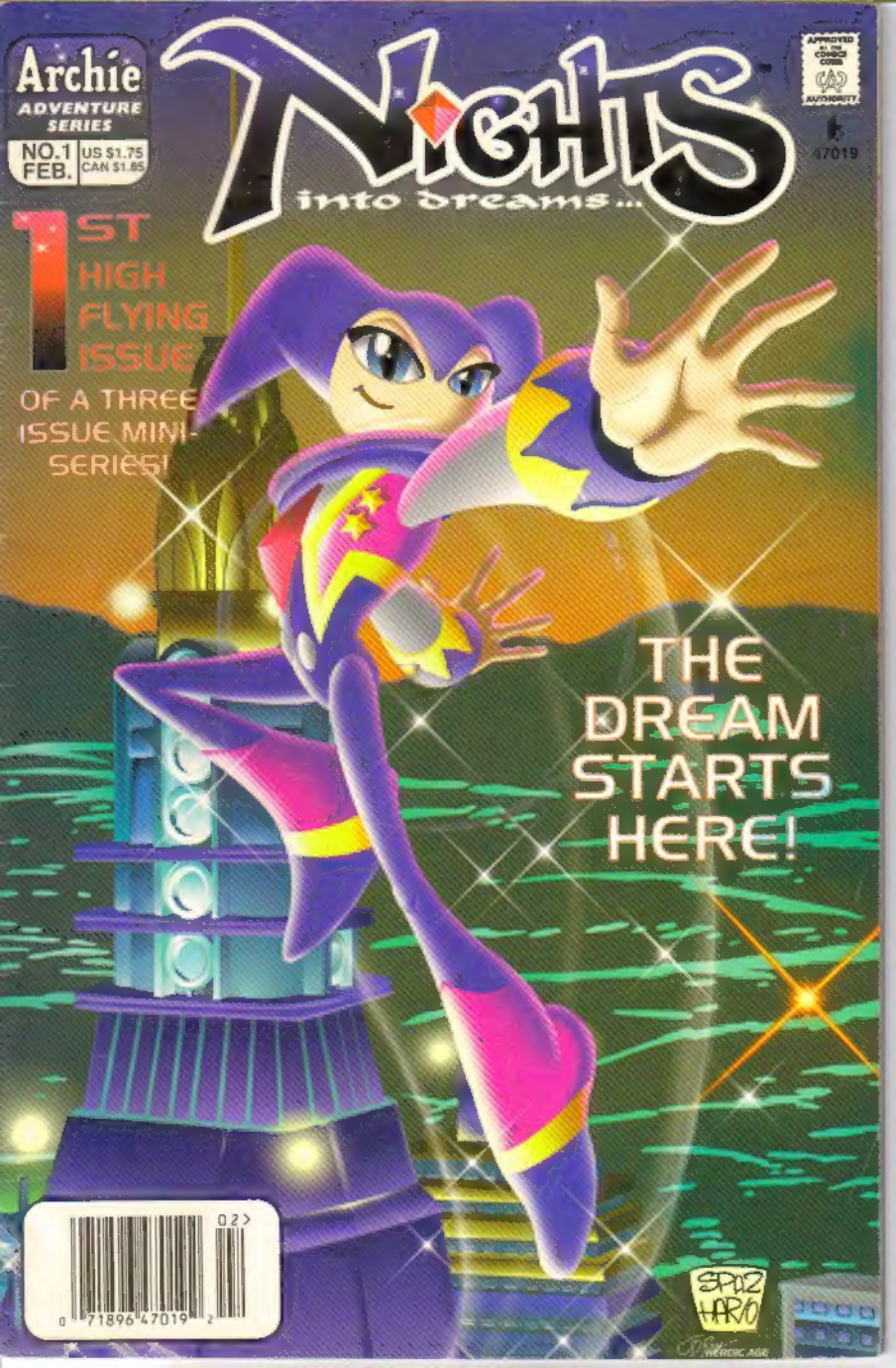
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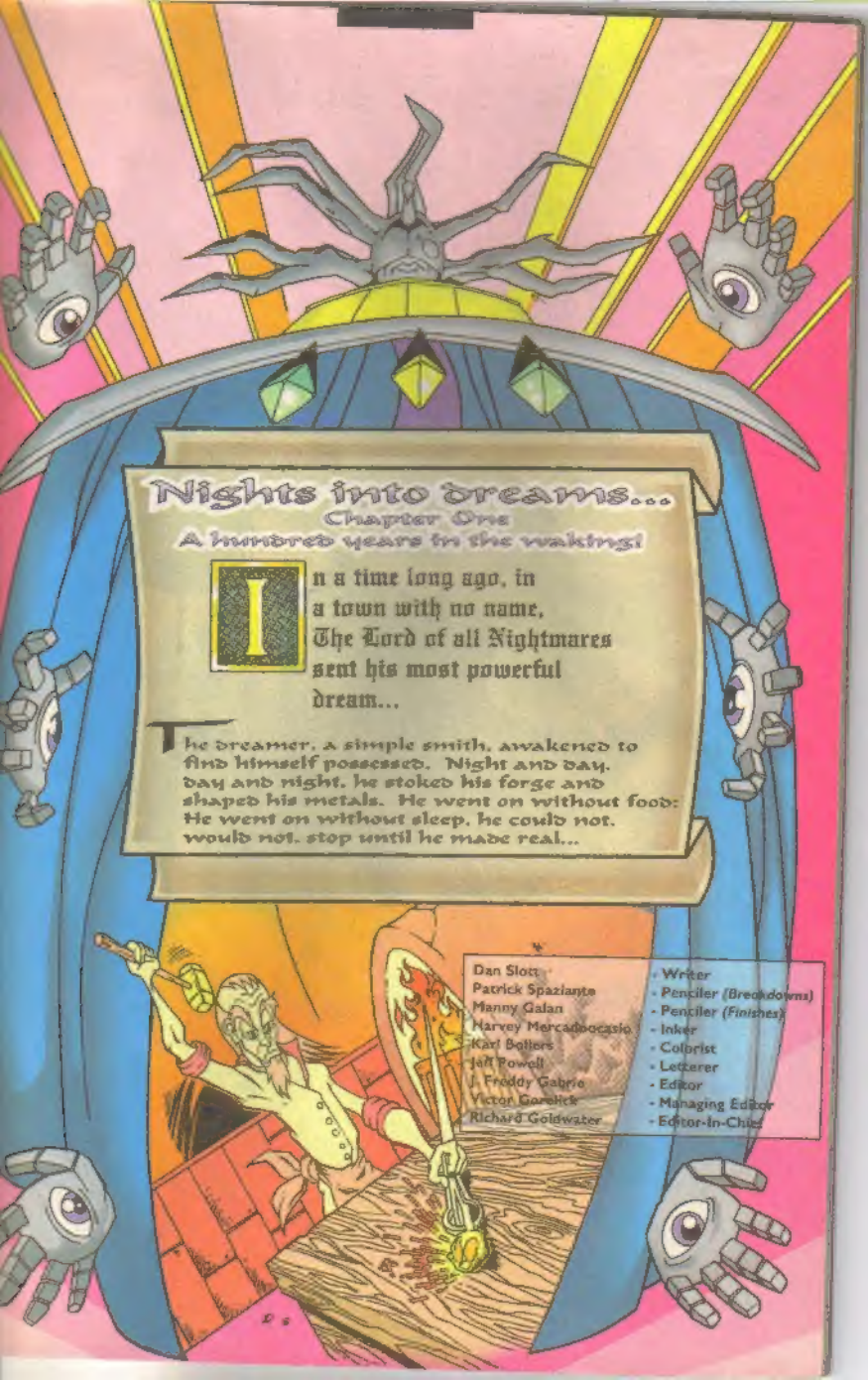
Nights into dreams...
Chapter One
A hundred years in the waking!
In a time long ago, in a town with no name, The Lord of all Nightmares sent his most powerful dream...
The dreamer, a simple smith, awakened to find himself possessed. Night and day, day and night, he stoked his forge and shaped his metals. He went on without food. He went on without sleep, he could not, would not, stop until he made real...
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...THE VISION FROM HIS DREAMING.
A TALL GLEAMING SPIRE.
A SPIRE, THAT UNTIL THAT MOMENT, HAD ONLY EXISTED IN THE LAND OF DREAMS...
...AND NIGHTMARES!
YES!
IT'S FINISHED AND IT IS PERFECTION!
OH, SAID IT, BOSS! I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
OF COURSE YOU HAVE, JACKAL! YOU DOLT!

WE HAVE AN IDENTICAL LINE AT THE CENTER OF NIGHTOPIA!
AND TONIGHT WHEN THE HUNDRED YEAR CONVERGENCE BETWEEN DREAMS AND REALITY COMES TO PASS...
...THE TWO SPIRES WILL HELP GROUND BOTH DIMENSIONS.
SO THAT I, WIZEMAN! LORD OF NIGHTMARES CAN SPREAD MY DARK REALM THROUGH OUT THE ENTIRE WAKING WORLD!
ALL I NEED TO KEEP THIS DOORWAY OPEN, IS THE PURE, RAW POWER OF ONE PERFECT DREAM!
ONLY TWO DREAMERS A CENTURY PRODUCE THIS RARE AND PRECIOUS ENERGY...
...AND THANKS TO MY FAITHFUL LACKEYS, REALA AND NIGHTS I HAVE THEM BOTH!
W-WHAT'S HE GONNA DO TO US?
DON'T WORRY, MA'AM. THIS'S JUST A DREAM. PRETTY SOON WE'LL BOTH WAKE UP.
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THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT, STUPID!
YOU'LL WAKE UP ALL RIGHT--
AFTER WIZEMAN'S REMADE ALL OF REALITY INTO ONE BIG, LIVING NIGHTMARE!
OH, MY!
MISTER NIGHTS! PLEASE YOU GOTTA DO SOMETHING QUICK!
B-BUT I'M ONE OF THE BAD GUYS...
NO YOU'RE NOT! I... I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES!
"THERE'S SO MUCH MORE INSIDE OF YOU!"
COME MY NIGHTMAREN, THE MOMENT IS AT HAND!
GATHER UP THE FIRST SPHERE OF RED DREAM POWER!
UH, I HATE TO ASK BOSS, BUT...
WHAT SPHERE?
WHAT?!

NO MATTER! WE'LL USE THE ENERGY FROM...
...THE SECOND DREAMER?!
NO! QUICK! FIND THEM!
FIND THEM AT ONCE!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
IT'S NIGHTS! HE HAS THEM!
LOOK, GUYS, I THOUGHT IT OVER...
AND A WHOLE UNIVERSE MADE OVER IN WIZEMAN'S IMAGE...
...SEEMS A LITTLE TOO "ONE NOTE" AND BORING TO ME.
AND BORING JUST AIN'T MY STYLE!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU FOOLS--
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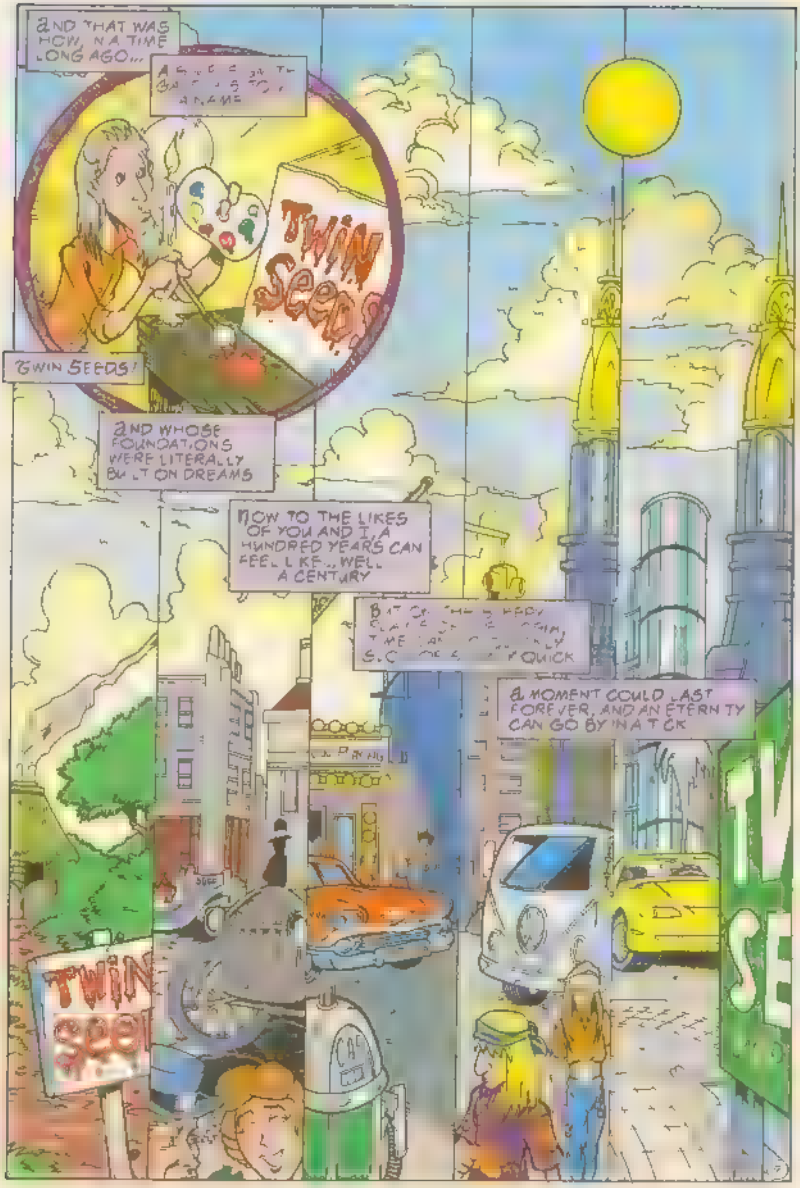
GET HIM!
YEESH WOTTA GROUCH!
GET HIM OR I'LL DESTROY YOU ALL!

SCUSE ME! MAKE WAY!
RENEGADE NIGHTMAREN COMIN' THROUGH!
Really? Never met one of those before.
I'm Snuze!
I'm Napp! We're Nightopians!
...I'M NIGHTS. LOOK FELLAS, I'D LOVE TO CHAT.
BUT I GOT A UNIVERSE TO SAVE.
Really?
YES!
HOW?
BY HIDING THESE DREAM SPHERES.
NOW SHOO!
You gonna hide 'em in here?
NO, THROUGH HERE! THIS IS THE DOORWAY INTO REALITY!
IT CAN ONLY BE OPENED ONCE IN A HUNDRED YEARS!

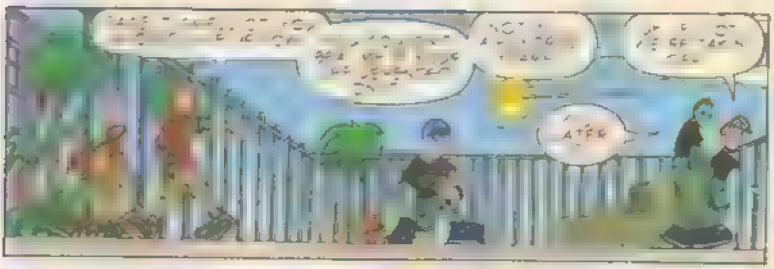
AND THESE SPHERES ARE THE KEY!
IF I CAN SHOVE 'EM INTO THE REAL WORLD, WIZEMAN WILL NEVER GET HIS STICKY HANDS ON 'EM!
KCHOOOM
KERRAKKK
UH OH! A BIT OF THE FIRST SPHERE BROKE OFF!
OW! HEY, GET IT OFF ME!

Hey, he made a crack in the wall!
Whatcha see?
Lots of purple stuff straight up and lots of green stuff straight down!
Ooh! Let me have a look!
Oh! Hello!
Oh, MY!
WH-WHAT ARE THOSE?!
FWEEEEE
NOW THEY'RE SINKING RIGHT INTO THE GROUND...
KA-BOOM
...JUST LIKE TWIN SEEDS!


AND THAT WAS HOW, IN A TIME LONG AGO...
TWIN SEEDS!
AND WHOSE FOUNDATIONS WERE LITERALLY BUILT ON DREAMS
NOW TO THE LIKES OF YOU AND I, A HUNDRED YEARS CAN FEEL LIKE... WELL A CENTURY
A MOMENT COULD LAST FOREVER, AND AN ETERNITY CAN GO BY IN A TICK
TWIN SEEDS

POP
Ooh I like very modern
Tomorrow's the big day of the convergence
What's the time Suzie
You two here and quick pre crack
Make sure the armour wiggle right before we go
And if I'm sick of this dream snore keep me long term rentners
two
OOH. CAN'T BE LATE FOR MUSIC
PRACTICE AT THE BBA... COURT RUNNING ATE
perfect
Dregmers

HEY GUYS
I CAN DO THIS ALL DAY
DON'T GET TOO COCKY AFTER A WIN LIKE THAT TWO DAYS AFTER YOU LOST AGAINST
COME ON, LET'S GET AS MUCH PRACTICE AS WE CAN GET FOR BASKETBALL SEASON
PAM? ANDY HAS SO SPECIAL ABOUT.
M/ TEAM?
NOT MUCH JUST THIS!
DUNK
HA HA HA HA HA HA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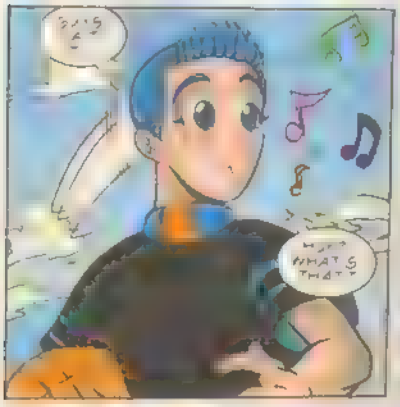
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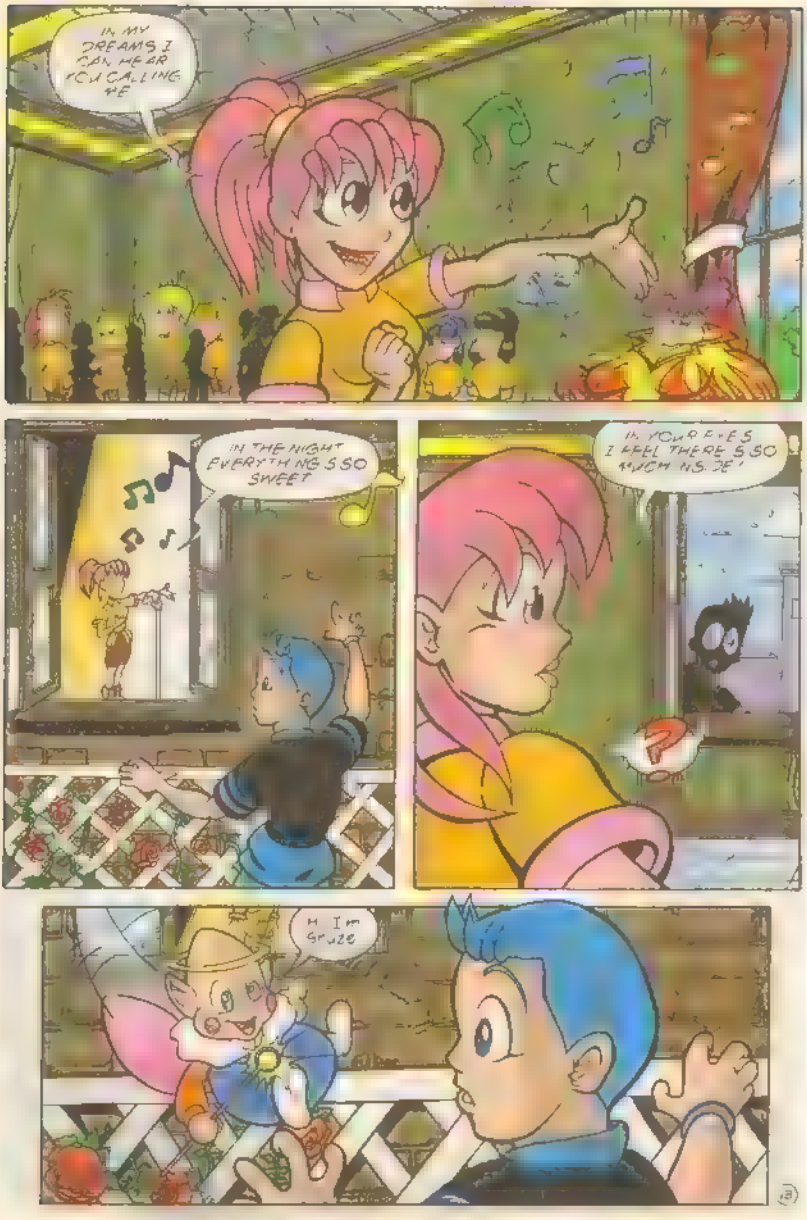
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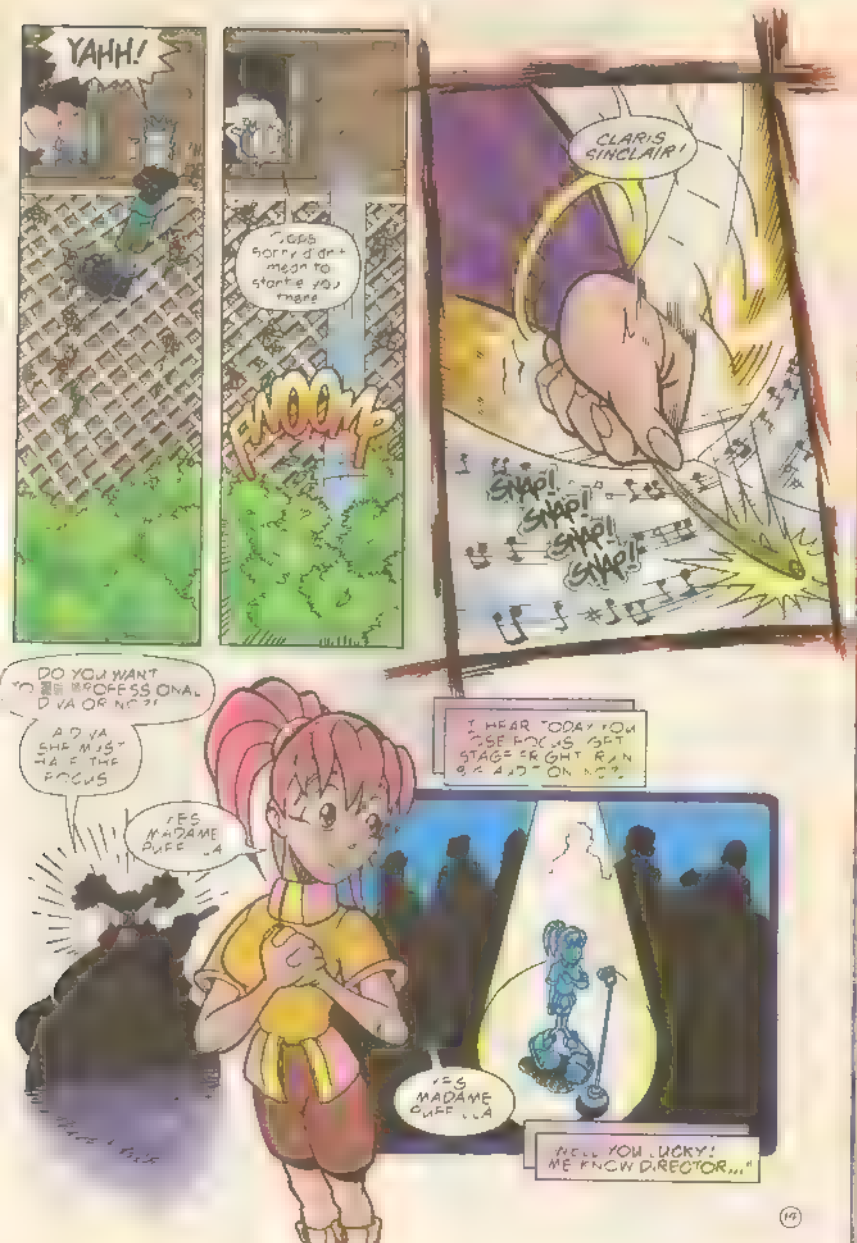
IN THE NIGHT EVERYTHING'S SO SWEET
IN YOUR EYES I FEEL THERE'S SO MUCH MORE
HI I'm Gruze


YAHH!
GPS sorry didn't mean to startle you mare
FWOOMP
CLARIS SINCLAIR!
SNAP! SNAP! SNAP! SNAP!
I HEAR TODAY YOU LOSE FOCUS GET STAGE FRIGHT RAN OFF AND ON NOT?
YES MADAME DUFFY-LA
DO YOU WANT TO BE PROFESSIONAL DIVA OR NOT?
AND YA SHE MUST HAVE THE FOCUS
YES MADAME DUFFY-LA
WELL YOU LUCKY! ME KNOW DIRECTOR..."

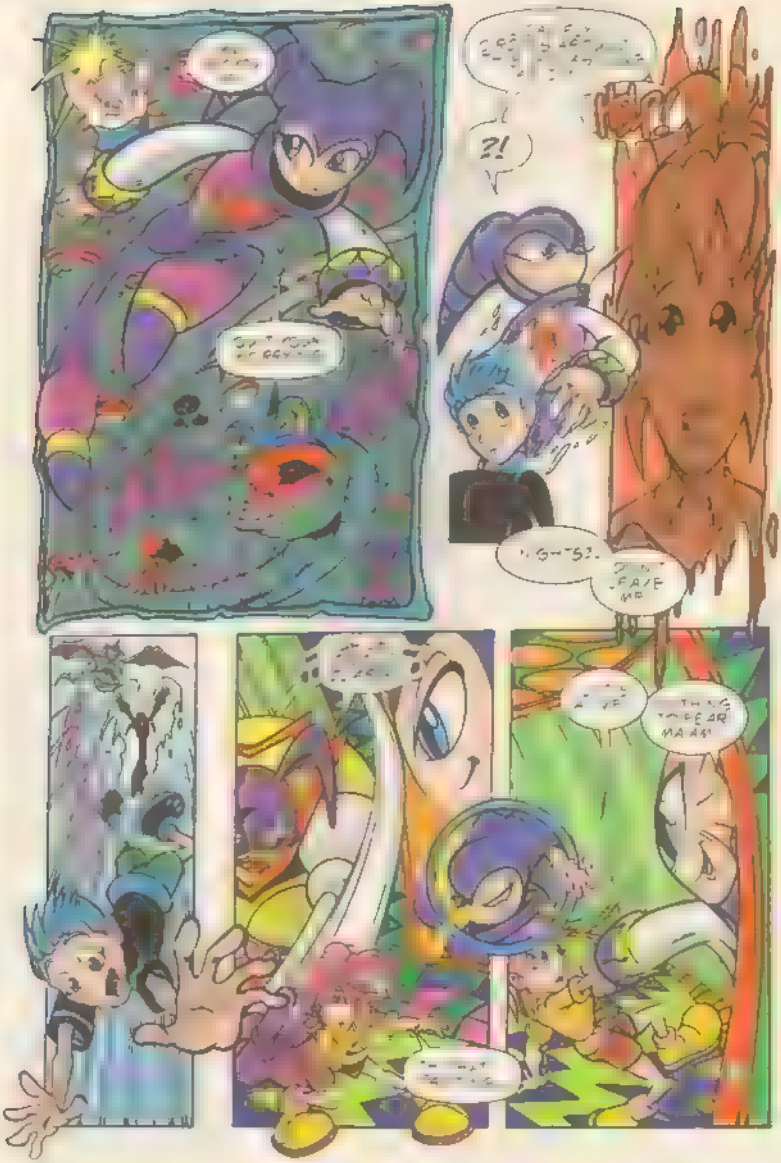
AND GET YOU ONE MORE SHOT AT B NGING N BIG CENTENN AL SHOW!
SO DON'T BLOW
THE BEER COMING OVE FOR YOU
YOU MUST BE ONE OF THE TWO DREAMERS
THE TWO MOST POWERFUL PUREST DREAMERS OF THE RENT R
WE GOTTA FIND THE SECOND DREAMER BEFORE W ZEMAR DOES
W ZEMAR?
SON N ZEMAR THE N CHED RYP E OF DREAMERS
OF OF COURSE AND HOW DO E DO THAT?
FUNNY, I THOUGHT I WAS DREAMING

WHATCHA DOING NOW?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GO TO SLEEP IF I'M ALREADY DREAMING?
CLONK
WOW. SO NOW WE'RE DREAM AND?
YOU'RE SO DREAMING THAT I'M HERE
WE'RE SO WHAT
WE'RE NIGHTS

And he was doing a pretty good job of it too.
and only the form of something from the real world could ever return him to normal
WHOA. WHAT'S HAPPENING? HE WE WE'RE BECOMING ONE!
I'M NIGHTS AND I CAN FLY!

THIS IS SO COOL.
I'm not so sure.
Wizemans get hand-crafted everywhere
And we don't want him to know that

CLARISSS.
M-MADAME
OFF AT
YOU ARE SUCH A TTLE NOBODY, NOZ
...THROW G MY WEIGHT AROUND!
YOU HA,E NO FOCUS. NC TALENT.
YOU'D BE NOTHING IF NOT FOR ME...
BOING! BOING!
!?!
AHHH!



I'M ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS
AND NOW SO ARE YOU
WHAT'S GOING ON? I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE
I CAN DO ANYTHING!
WOO OO-OO
WOO
BUT SHE'D NEVER LOSE HER FOCUS
WHY YOU'RE JUST A BIG PUFFY MEANIE! TAKE THAT
SNUZE DO SOMETHING
...h qu...t your worry...ng

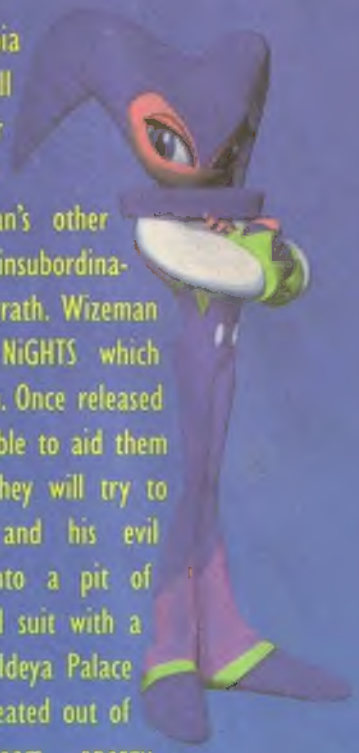
WHAT?
That's my clock up there
BRRINNG
BRRINNG
SMASH
Mmm?
MAN THAT MUST'VE BEEN THE WEIRDEST DREAM I EVER.
Hey! Time to get up!
AHH!
Hey. Don't hit the snooze.

the second dreamer
WH-WHERE AM I?
ROGER
ROGER
ROGER
WHY N A TEEN ROGER
FOLLOW ME THERE'S A FRIEND I D, KE LOU TO FREE--I MEAN MEET

THE HEROES

NiGHTS

Many of the inhabitants of Nightopia soon found themselves under the spell of the evil Wizeman as his power started to grow, but one managed to escape - - NiGHTS. Unlike Wizeman's other Nightmarens, NiGHTS' personality and insubordination have earned him Wizeman's wrath. Wizeman retaliated by casting a spell on NiGHTS which confines him to the space of a dream. Once released by either Claris or Elliot, he will be able to aid them in the land of Nightopia. Together they will try to stand in the way of Wizeman and his evil Nightmaren from making reality into a pit of despair. Dressed in a brightly colored suit with a jester-style hat, NiGHTS waits at the Ideya Palace for Elliot and Claris. Each world is created out of their dream energy.



Although both of them can wander freely around, they will only be able to defeat the evil powers of Wizeman by jumping into the palace, freeing NiGHTS as they become NiGHTS.

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THE HEROES

NIGHTOPIANS

These are the small, innocent creatures who live in Nightopia. With a pair of pink wings and a halo around their heads they are quite angelic.

It was one of these creatures that managed to escape from the evil clutches of Wizeman and beg Elliot for help. Nightopians are carefree, happy inhabitants of Nightopia. The sole reason for their existence is to have fun. Because they are incapable of doing anything else (unless there is a certain degree of fun attached to it), they have no need to work together or to cooperate towards a common goal. As a result, they have no leader. What they do have is the ability to see the consciousness of each visitor (dreamers from our world). When visitors arrive, the Nightopians can see their consciousness and recreate the happy world that is hidden deep inside.

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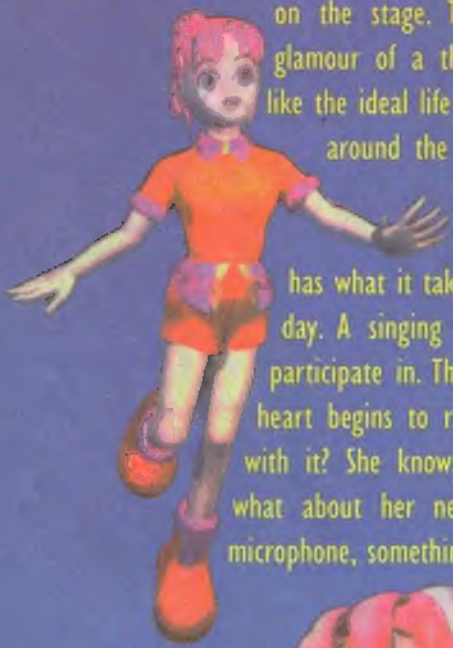
THE HEROES

CLARIS SINCLAIR

The heroine of the story. Claris Sinclair has always dreamt of being a singer on the stage. The bright lights, makeup and glamour of a theatrical singer's lifestyle seems like the ideal life for her. She can often be found around the house singing away to herself, but is desperate for a chance to prove to her family that she has what it takes to make it big. Today is that day. A singing audition she knows she must participate in. The stage lights flare on and her heart begins to race. Can she really go through with it? She knows that she has the talent, but what about her nerve? As she steps up to the microphone, something's not quite right.

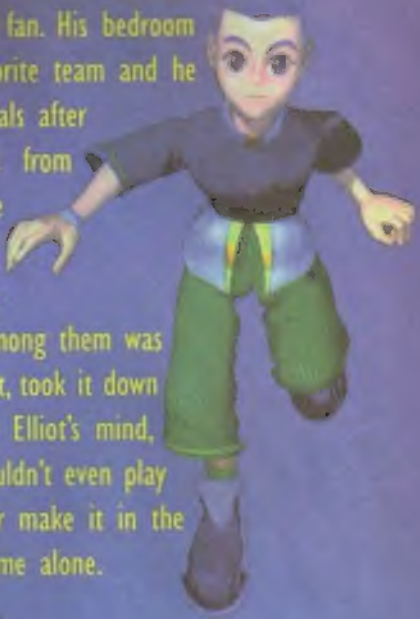


The directors are all waiting, watching her every move when a small voice in her head speaks up. "Everyone will laugh at you. You're going to make a fool of yourself!" The seconds pass and the voice grows louder. This is the last thing poor Claris needs. Unable to bear it any longer, she runs off stage.

THE HEROES

ELLIOT EDWARDS

Elliot Edwards is a big basketball fan. His bedroom is covered with posters of his favorite team and he loves to play the game with his pals after school. One afternoon, the boys from another school hijacked their game and began to show off their superior skills, laughing at the pathetic attempts of the others. Among them was Roger who stole the ball from Elliot, took it down the court and slam dunked it. In Elliot's mind, he saw himself as a failure. He couldn't even play his favorite sport and would never make it in the world of basketball. He walked home alone.



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